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Title : Oil Carry-Over Prevention from Helium Gas Compressor

REPLY

Mail Stop AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on June 20, 2008, reconsideration and allowance of the above-identified application are respectfully requested. Claims 1-8 remain pending.

Claims 1-5 are rejected for obviousness under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) in view of the combination of U.S. Patent No. 6,530,237 to Morse et al. ("Morse"), U.S. Patent No. 6,016,662 to Tanaka et al. ("Tanaka") and U.S. Patent No. 5,689,880 to Petty ("Petty"). Claim 1 is alternatively rejected for obviousness under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) in view of the combination of Morse, Tanaka and U.S. Patent No. 3,796,522 to Oshima et al. ("Oshima"). These grounds of rejection are respectfully traversed.

As discussed in the present application and in Applicants' previous Reply, conventional wisdom was that compressor oil would reach cooled equipment by